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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski;

Brownsville, Tennessee is a special place, offering the charm of a small city and the opportunity of planned growth and an improved quality of life for everyone. We take pride in our past history, involve our citizens in our present opportunities, and anticipate our future as a diverse community with unique talents and resources to bring to the table.

Haywood County, in which we are located, has received Megasite certification for a large plot of land, the only remaining site in Tennessee and one of the few in the Southeast US. This allows for development into a large industrial property suitable for automotive manufacturing or related industry. This development holds huge promise for the economic growth of our area, and it is one of the driving forces behind my support of the proposed AT&T /T-Mobile merger.

For any type of business to succeed in the 21st century economy, high-speed broadband access is absolutely vital. In rural areas like Haywood County, that type of high-end service is often tough to come by; but the merger could alter that outlook significantly. The merged company's 4G wireless network will cover an astonishing 97.3 percent of Americans. Next-generation wireless broadband like this would be a huge incentive to draw business to our area, and will be crucial in the development of the Megasite.

The jobs made possible by both the Megasite development, and the build-out of this 4G LTE network, would be a major boost for the economy of Haywood County and the greater state of Tennessee. The people of this state need you to approve this merger.

Sincerely,


Mayor Jo Matherne
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